

told of having gone to the Smyth Brothers' stables, where, he stated, Alderman Bennett told him: "Tom, pass the first four mules brought out, sound or unsound, and if there is any trouble I'll see that you treat them at the city stables."

"I had better quit now," said Dr. Sweeney to the committee, "and Mr. Bennett said he didn't want me to do anything but what was right, and I said I would stay if the mules to be purchased for the city were to be sound and good. Mr. Ratcliffe spoke to me about the price of mules, and I advised him not to approve the purchase—that he was not getting his money's worth. One of the Smyths—then both looked just alike—said something about not giving me some of their business. I was thoroughly disgusted with the whole thing. I went to see Mr. Ratcliffe, and he told me, and told him what had happened."

Another Plain Question.

"Was it not remarkable," asked Colonel Anderson, "that you should have taken lunch with a man who had just offered to bribe you, and yet you don't know which of the Smyths it was you lunched with?"

The witness thought it was Jim Smyth, and testified that he had fully appreciated that a bribe was being offered him.

"I have been in business fifteen years," he went on. "It is not very uncommon occurrence for such bribes to be offered in my profession. Any man in the horse business who strictly follows the mark and doesn't give commissions would not be in business six months. I have never myself accepted any bribe."

"Do you know of any one else who has ever gotten any bribe on any purchase for the city?"

"I decline to answer," was Dr. Sweeney's response, and he went on to explain that he did not blame the horse commission, but that while other horsemen in the room started forward angrily.

Accused to Horsemen.

In answer to many questions affecting former purchases of mules, Dr. Sweeney declined to answer, saying he had never at any previous time made any improper proposal in connection with the purchase of mules. Mr. Matthews attempted to draw out of the witness something about a former transaction, when some of the mules to the city. The witness again said that he had never at any time said that the number of mules was wrong, it was correct, and that Mr. Bennett was not on the committee at that time. He had asked Mr. Bennett, "What are you paying Bennett?" and Mr. Bennett had said, "I am paying him for his services."

"Did you ever ask Walter H. Nelson, when passing on a horse he was selling, if he was a state mule?"

"What is in this?" said Mr. Matthews.

Jumped Over Railings.

Mr. Nelson started forward from across the railings, exclaiming: "You did so."

Chairman Nelson rapped sharply for order, and Sergeant-at-Arms Russell threatened to clear the room unless order was restored.

Dr. Sweeney finally admitted that his license taxes for last year had not been paid.

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The witness admitted that of his own knowledge he could tell the committee of no graft transaction prior to the one to which he had testified, but said he had reason to believe that unsound mules had knowingly been sold to the city, and that he had refused to answer any questions relating to that transaction, declining to answer any question at all until he could consult with an attorney.

Could Not Testify.

"While negative in words," said Colonel Anderson, "your manner leads the committee to believe that you do know of corrupt practices in the past."

The witness said he could not testify as to the number of mules sold, as he had no memory of the number of mules sold, and he had no memory of the number of mules sold, and he had no memory of the number of mules sold.

Superintendent Cohn, of the Street Cleaning Department, and two stable boys took the stand and told of receiving the mules and their later return on order of Mr. Ratcliffe, of the Department of Public Works, after they were bought and one was still lame, though at work. He knew of no case where the city had knowingly bought unsound mules and of no other case in which mules had later proved unsound had not been returned.

Veterinary Surgeon McDonough knew nothing of the last transaction, but had passed the four mules bought in September as sound.

He testified that he had examined thousands of horses, and had never been offered a bribe, and that the Smyth people had always done business on a high plane. He had never lunched with either of the Smyths, nor had Mr. Bennett ever made him any improper proposal.

Often Saw Sweeney Drunk.

Albert Anthony, a liquor dealer, was put on as a character witness. He testified that he had known Dr. Sweeney ten years; that he did not think he had been a truthful man for the past five years; that he had been drinking too much, the witness having seen him as many as ten times when he had taken him to the city stables.

Mr. Nelson, a horse dealer, told of the transaction with the Standard Oil Company, referred to. He said Dr. Sweeney had asked him what was in it for him; that he had told him there was nothing, and that he had reported the horse as unsound, although he had sold it to the same company on the same day and it had proved to be all right. He had understood that Dr. Sweeney wanted a "divvy" of the sale, and had refused.

James Smyth, of the sales stables, reviewed again the transaction of the sale of the four mules to the city. He said that Dr. Sweeney had passed all four of the mules, one of them provisionally, and that later all four had been taken back. He had asked Dr. Sweeney to lunch with him at the stables, and during lunch Sweeney had asked him, "What are you paying Bennett?"

Told Sweeney He Was Crazy.

"I said you are crazy; we are working on commission and couldn't pay a bribe if we wanted to."

The two Smyths, who are so much alike that no committee man could tell them apart, seemed to be on the stand together. They explained that the State law in North Carolina required a certificate of animals shipped, and that they had offered to give Sweeney a bribe of \$200 for each mule, and that Mr. Bennett had been to see him before the transaction or made any arrangement with him, explaining that his house sold mules in care of a commission of \$2 per head, and horses at \$5 per head; that the books were open to all, and that he had written to send an expert accountant or to write to the customer who sold the mules to find whether he had not received \$200 for each mule, less \$2 commission on the sale.

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Losing No Sleep Over Talk of Him as Presidential Candidate.

IN RECEPTIVE MOOD

He Confesses That the Compliment Is Very Pleasant to Him.

Washington, D. C., January 6.—Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, who already has been pledged the speakership of the House in the next Congress, indicated today that he was not unduly excited over suggestions that he become a candidate for the presidential nomination at the next Democratic convention.

Mr. Clark, who is constantly receiving letters on this subject, is in a receptive mood. "It is very pleasant," said he in reply to one of these letters, "but I am not losing any sleep over that. I am not lying awake nights counting electoral votes."

Mr. Clark left today for New York to address the Periodical Publishers' Association, and to-morrow will have luncheon there with Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

To-morrow night he will dine with Colonel George M. Harvey, and will return here Monday.

Reapportionment Plan.

Washington, D. C., January 6.—Congressional reapportionment under the new census figures, so as to increase the membership of the House to 433, was the plan tentatively favored by the House Committee on Census at a meeting today. This figure would protect each State from diminished numerical representation and is exclusive of Arizona and New Mexico. The committee will meet again Tuesday, when Census Director Durand and two of his assistants, Messrs. Wilcox and Hull, each of whom presented plans for the reapportionment, will discuss their views. The reapportionment bill introduced by Chairman Crumpacker today fixes the membership of the House at 433. The bill was referred immediately to the Census Committee, where the entire subject will be taken up.

The reapportionment of the membership of the House amongst the various States under the proposed arrangement will be as follows:

Alabama, 10; Arkansas, 7; California, 11; Colorado, 4; Connecticut, 3; Delaware, 1; Florida, 4; Georgia, 12; Idaho, 2; Illinois, 17; Indiana, 13; Iowa, 11; Kansas, 8; Kentucky, 11; Louisiana, 8; Maine, 1; Maryland, 6; Massachusetts, 14; Michigan, 13; Minnesota, 10; Mississippi, 5; Missouri, 16; Montana, 2; Nebraska, 6; Nevada, 1; New Hampshire, 2; New Jersey, 12; New York, 43; North Carolina, 10; North Dakota, 3; Ohio, 22; Oklahoma, 5; Oregon, 3; Pennsylvania, 36; Rhode Island, 3; South Carolina, 7; South Dakota, 3; Tennessee, 10; Texas, 18; Utah, 2; Vermont, 2; Virginia, 10; Washington, 5; West Virginia, 6; Wisconsin, 11; Wyoming, 1.

This represents an increase of one seat in the House.

The present membership in the House as follows: Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, and West Virginia, 1 each; Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Texas and Washington, 2 each; California and Oklahoma, 3 each; Pennsylvania, 4; New York, 6.

A majority of the members of the committee believe this plan of reapportionment will prevail.

Magnates Must Testify.

Washington, January 6.—Corporate magnates who have been indicted in the charges affecting the administration of Philippine Islands have been asked to testify in the investigation by the House Committee on Insular Affairs. The investigation probably will be wound up at this session of Congress, and the results of a report of the committee to the House negative to the charges.

The committee, at the instance of Representative Martin, of Colorado, who sprang the inquiry, has asked the following to appear at the committee meeting next Wednesday: Horace Havemeyer, of the American Sugar Refining Company; Charles L. Scott and Charles J. Welch, all three of whom are claimed by Mr. Martin to be the real parties in interest in the purchase of the sugar lands in the Philippines; and C. A. De Gersdorf, of the law firm of Cravath, Henderson & De Gersdorf, of New York City, counsel for these parties, and the officers of the Mindoro Development Company, of New Jersey, with principal offices in Jersey City, the contents of which Mr. Martin intends was given unlimited powers in the archipelago. The charges are that the estate was purchased for the American Sugar Refining Company, though ostensibly for individuals, to comply with the provisions of the law.

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Lucius E. Johnson, president of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, and was eighty-three years old, and had been ill one week. A special train will take the body to-morrow to Aurora for interment. Besides L. E. Johnson, she is survived by another son, Edward G. Johnson, of New York, and a daughter, Mrs. Levi Barber, of Bushnell, Ill.

Charles C. Guthrie.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Eureka, Ill., Jan. 6.—Intelligence reached here today of the death in Birmingham, Ala., of Charles C. Guthrie, of this county. Mr. Guthrie was a railway engineer, and was killed accidentally, the telegram giving no particulars. His remains are expected to reach here to-morrow, and will be buried with Masonic honors.

S. W. Leggett.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lebanon, N. C., January 6.—S. W. Leggett died at his home here today, aged fifty-six years. Mr. Leggett came here from Norfolk about ten years ago.

Mrs. Ellen Christie.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Alexandria, Va., January 6.—Theophilus Mudd died this morning at his home, on Jefferson Street.

C. C. Cheney.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Eureka, Ill., Jan. 6.—C. C. Cheney, of Randolph, this county, died at his home Wednesday and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, yesterday. Mr. Cheney was a native of Chicago, but moved to this county several years ago, buying the John Randolph estate from Major Miles Cary.

John T. Miller.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Harrisburg, Pa., January 6.—Mrs. John T. Miller, thirty-nine years old, died yesterday near Bridgewater, Rockingham county. She belonged to a well known family. She was Miss Cline, and leaves eight children and several brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Fannie T. Jeter.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Ashtand, Va., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Fannie T. Jeter died at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of Robert C. Jeter, at the age of sixty-two. She was the widow of Robert C. Jeter, and leaves a son, Robert C. Jeter, Jr., and a daughter, Miss Lottie Jeter. Mrs. Jeter was for many years a member of the Baptist Church, and was interred in the Baptist cemetery.

A. C. Mason.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

January 6, 1911, at 10 o'clock, A. C. Mason, ninety-two years old, died this morning at 430 o'clock at the Raleigh Hotel, where he has lived for several years. Mr. Mason was the oldest citizen in this section of the State, and was born in Gloucester county. Most of his life was spent in New Kent, and James City. He is survived by one daughter, with whom he lived. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, and interment will be in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

BLANTON—Died, suddenly, Friday, January 6, 1911, at his late residence, 2 West Grace Street, MRS. LIZZIE BLANTON, wife of P. L. Blanton.

Funeral services from Park Place M. B. Church, SUNDAY at 3 o'clock.

EITEL—Died, Friday, January 6, 1911, at 12:30 P. M. after a brief illness, at his residence, 318 Bowling Green Road, JOSEPH M. EITEL, in the fifty-fourth year of his age.

The funeral will take place SUNDAY AFTERNOON, January 8, at 4 o'clock, from St. Peter's Church. Interment in Mt. Calvary.

EDWARDS—Died, at her residence, 305 North First Street, January 6, 1911, at 12:30 P. M. EVELYN EDWARDS, wife of J. W. Edwards.

Funeral from Sharon Baptist Church SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 3:30 o'clock.

HUDGINS—Died, Friday, January 6, at 6:30 A. M. at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. G. W. Parsons, 220 Park Avenue, ROBERT MILLET HUDGINS, in his eighty-second year of age.

Funeral from his late residence THIS SATURDAY at 1:30 P. M. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend. Interment private. Norfolk papers please copy.

WEISIGER—Died, Friday morning, January 6, 1911, at his late residence, daughter of the late Oscar F. and Sarah Ann Weisiger.

Funeral from her residence, 1202 Floyd Avenue, SUNDAY, 3:30 P. M.

JAPAN IN NO CONDITION TO FIGHT GREAT COUNTRY

Candid Admission of a News Agency of the Island Empire.

Victoria, B. C., January 6.—Japanese newspapers received today devote much space to comments on the dispatches regarding the inadequacy of the Pacific Coast defenses of the United States. The Japanese editors protest against the inference that Japan is unfriendly to the United States.

Collecting a number of comments, the Eihon Shushin, a Tokyo news agency, says:

"It is strange but true that the fever of Americanophobia, supposed to be rife in Japan, is not known in Japan. It must be stated candidly that Japan is not in a position to fight against a foreign country, be it America, England or Germany."

"While we admit that Japan and America have great interests in China, these interests are of a commercial character and will not affect the least degree the political and commercial positions commanded by both these countries. What reason could there be in advocating in any way a war between Japan and America? For the Japanese to fight against a foreign country is at present not in the future in a lightening hour, because all the Japanese, in spite of the increasing population and other considerations, and the fact to be that it does not pay to fight with a country which is superior in every respect to her."

SHOOTS WIFE, KILLS HIMSELF

Jenious Man Seriously Wounds Woman Before Committing Suicide.

Philadelphia, Jan. 6.—Accusing his wife of untruthfulness, a man returned to their home in the southern part of the city late last night, when he declared she had been with her sister, Henry Beckman, forty years old, shot and seriously injured her, and then committed suicide by sending a bullet into his suicide by the police, Beckman, who had called his two children, Dorothy, eight years old, and Harry, aged fourteen, to his side and told them that if any accident occurred during the night they were to go to their aunt's home in West Philadelphia.

The police say Beckman then sent the children to bed and awaited the return of his wife.

Johnston—Batell.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Wadesboro, N. C., January 6.—James E. Johnston, of Morven, and Miss Florence Batell, of Raleigh, were married at the residence of the bride's mother on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. J. W. Ingles, officiating. Only relatives and immediate friends were present. The groom is a son of Register of Deeds J. M. Johnston and a business man of Morven.

CHIEF SAVES FIREMAN WHEN WALLS FALL IN

Crocker Has Narrow Escape at \$150,000 Blaze That Dies

New York, January 6.—A falling wall of a fire-swept factory building at 69-71 Wooster Street today buried a fireman on the ground floor in its debris. Chief Crocker and a squad of firemen who narrowly escaped the crash, extricated the plighted man, who was only slightly injured.

The fire gave the department one of

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